ANECDOTES AND COMMENT ABOUT DIVERS SPORTING TOPICS

AN ODD BALLGROUND AT GOLD CANYON NAVY ENCOURAGED

Home Run Haggerty Tells of It-Up Hill All the Way Around the Diamond, and Many Pitfalls and Precipices-Natural Advantages and Disadvantages Negotiated by the Alfalfas.

marked that the adventures we'd had on the trip rather laid over anything that even the famous Alfalfas had ever done before, and the bunch all agreed with

'Yes,' said Josh Hapgood, reachin his hand in my pocket an' takin' half o' my last chaw o' tobacker without even winkin'. 'Yes, this trip has made his-t'ry, or, ruther, we've made hist'ry on the trip. Who'd a thunk, before that train run away with us, that we'd play a game backwards with them Delvin' Desert o' Doubledee Chinks an' win it?" says he. 'Who'd a guessed that? An' says he. Who'd a guessed that? An' then that game agin them people with the steel bats in 'Crucible—that was somethin' long to be remembered. When Hag swatted that poor defenseless ball with that steel bat an' burnt it up you could fairly hear the sands o' time singin'. An' then when we got to Silver-sand an' I figgered it out for him how he was goin' to make that homer-drive it down through the dirt 'cause we couldn't make it go through the air-why, when we did that I says to myself that it only needed one more game, an' have Hag knock the ball up to Mars an hit a guy on the roof, to have it the greatest trip that ever happened.' Went in a Hurry.

"We hit the pike away from Silvermoney, you know, an' they had the pleas-ant memories of our visit, and there wasn't any tellin' at what minute the enraged populace might come after us with a long rope. So, as I said, we loped along. Long about 2 in the afternoon we came to an old feller with long whiskers at the side o' the road and he

"'Ball players, eh?' says he, takin' his pipe out of his mouth. 'Fine lookin'

ot o' bali players you are."
"Well! says Josh, takin' a careful look at the bunch. 'I don't see no signs on us announcin' that we are grass eat-How'd you know?'

The guys from up Silversand way passed the word along, says the old man. 'They don't want you to git out o' the country without bein' trimmed. That's why I'm here. The Gold Canyon boys sent me down to invite you to come

up an' play a game.'
"Just then Pinch Hobbs began to
laugh. He laughed till I thought he'd
choke, an' then he lay down on the grass at the roadside and laughed some more. Josh came an' bent over the greatest shortstop that ever lived to find out

Pinch Had His Laugh.

-ha, ha, ha!-of the story of the Little Gingerbread Boy.'

that ever lived gone bughouse? "'Fer the love o' gosh an' two cops,"

"'Why, don't you remember the Lit-ty Gingerbread Boy?' says Pinch. 'Well bases. The next batter drove out do I recollect my Granther, Nathanael liner that hit a rock in front o' secon Green Hobbs, settin' with me on his lap tellin' that pathetic tale. "I've run got the guy runnin' home away f'm a barn full o' thrashers," he'd say-an' here Pinch took another conniplaughed, an' laughed, an

"'Oh, come on,' says the little old man f'm Gold Canyon. 'Leave him there an' let's be gettin' to the ball

Couldn't Leave Pinch.

"We looked at him. Leave Pinch Hobbs, the greatest shortstop that ever lived, wrigglin' with laughter at the roadside and go to a ball game! The old feller wilted, and we all sat down to wait till the great man recoveredwhich he presently did, and sat up. Then he looked at Josh an' says: "'Don't go, Josh, says he. 'On my bended knees I implore you, don't go.'

'For why not?' says Josh. 'Didn't you never hear o' the Little

Gingerbread Boy?" says Pinch. 'Yes, but what in thunder has that got to do with us playin' ball in Gold

Canyon?' sings out Josh, spiteful.
"'A hull lot,' says Pinch. 'Don't you remainber where he comes up with the Hennessy's bat. 'We believe in havin fox and he says, "I've run away f'm a barn full o' thrashers, 'n a field full o' baseball. It makes it interestin'. A mowers, 'n a cow, an' a pig, an' a little jumpin' race, where they go over bushes old woman, an' a little old man, an' I an' hedges an' stone walls on the water

Thought Him Crazy.

'We all nodded, an' I felt more mys to? Had his great brain give way un-der the weight of his schemes?

"'Well, then, I tell you,' says he, 'that you had better beware. We've got away with a mine full o' yeller Chinks, an' a town full o' onmerciful swatters in Crucible, an' the crowd in Silversand an' vicinity,' says he. 'But this Gold Canyon bunch-look out! Look out or you'll be sayin', like the Little Gingerbread Boy did, "I'm quarter gone, I'm curves like I hammered into the bee's half gone, I'm three-quarters gone, I'm all gone," when the fox swallered him. ok out for the Gold Canyonites or

Pinch warmly by the hand.

"'Young feller,' says he. 'I admire nearby house.

you,' says he. 'An' still, at the same time, I don't want your compliments o' the Gold Canyon nine, which is the strongest in four States and forty
""Oh, some durn fool left a stick o' 'leven counties, to scare your nine ou o' playin' us.'

Couldn't Keep Away.

a-kept us away f'm Gold Canyon. 'You got to show us,' says Josh to the little and out. When he come to he says:
"'Oh, I'm three-quarters gone!" an' now he was shakin' his head an' melancholy instead o' laughin'.

T was just after we had left Sil-versand, the place where the at-struck Gold Canyon and went to bed, hard-fought innings. mosphere was so heavy it reand before we was up the next morning, long about 8 o'clock, there was a
teenth off a lost ball, an' they tied i sisted the ball, that Pete Brown re- thump on our door, an' in prances Sam

> gone down to the tavern an' he's bettin' came sailin' in I screwed around o his head off to back us, an' I just been and drew it in for all I was worth. up to the ball grounds-an' that's about Them ball grounds!

'What's the matter with 'em?' says hole, an' then there came the most ter-'Naw!' snarls Sam. 'No fences, no nuthin'. At the home plate it's level, Then it's up hill goin' to first, an' more up hill goin' to second, an' a steep upup hill goin' to second, an' a steep up-grade goin' to third, an' you have to climb on your hands an' kuees to git up home. The outfield—' "One o' the natural advantages,' says

home. The outfield-An Impossible Problem.

"Break away! says I. 'How in an' we won. An' then Josh says to Captain Farle

wildly about, an' says, 'We're quarte an' sank back to snooze again. I follered Sam downstairs, found Josh. He was cursin' the Gold Canyon manager up hill an' down dale, an' the other feller was guyin' him back fer tryin' to quit. You see, Josh had just had a glimpse o' the grounds and wanted his money back. "They wouldn't do that, and kept joshin' an' shamin' us an' laughin', til

inally Josh went to Reggie an' says:

"'Reg, d'ye, think it'd be possible
to fan twenty-seven o' these guys?'

"'You mean,' says Reg. 'to put the "'He, ha, ha!' went Pinch, holdin' his "'You mean,' says Reg. 'to put the sides an' shakin' his red head. 'Didn't kibosh on 'em so nobody hits it out you never hear of it? This reminds me into that utterly wretched field?"

"'Exactly,' says Josh. 'It's our only chance. Any hit out there would be a "The crowd of us stood lookin' sorrow-home run, in among them hills and fully on. Had the greatest shortstop valleys. You've got to hand 'em the nome run, in among them hills and

"So the game started. Reg was good says Josh, disgustedly, 'will you shet up, and his wide curves kep' 'em guessing. Willyum Hennery Harrison Hobbs, an' till the third inning. Then he passed tell us this here thing that' botherin' a Gold Canyonite to first, an' hit you? Where does it hurt most?' another. A drive into the blackberry

Case of Hard Luck.

'Hard luck,' hollered the Gold Can avalanches out in center an' right an left seemed to echo back, 'Hard luck.' "We weren't so lucky on the next. bounder went to Johnny Harrison a second. Just as he got set it bounce wrong and went into the spring of water, an' by the time he got it out two Brown and a liner to Pinch ended the

'Hag,' says Reg, as he come runnin' in, 'if somethin' ain't done to sto them blamed ants f'm bitin' me I'll never git another strikeout.

"That was what was the matter with the great pitcher, and who could blame him? I fixed him by painting a band o' vaseline f'm the medicine chest ound his legs just over his shoe top to ketch 'em as they crawled up. Ther he did a!! right.

'Yes,' says the Gold Canyon man ager to Josh as one of his men chased up on a cliff an' pulled in a liner f'm natural obstacles in this here game of baseball. It makes it interesti c'n run away from you, I can." Don't jump, is a durn lot more excitin than you remember that?" Now, our ball players is like steeple chasers-no natural obstacles fazes 'en

> 'Wait till Hag gits mad,' says Josh 'He'll give you somethin' that'll faze

The Fateful Seventh.

"Well, things went along smooth till the seventh, an' then, not wantin' us to be behind all the time, I seized the chance when Sam Merritt an' Brownle was on the bags to line one out to the hill in right. The fielder couldn't reach it. It described one o' them paregoric

nest, an' biff!
"There was a loud report f'm out in center, an' then a cloud o' smoke riz up, an' out o' the top o' the smoke we "At that the little old man f'm up made out the fielder goin' flip-floppin up an' up. He came crashin' down into a tree, an' was made comfortable in a

> "Meantime Sam an' Brownie an' m "'Oh, some durn fool left a stick o' dynamite up there an' your drive found

t,' says the manager. 'A durn good rap it was, but you can't do it again."
"They tied us in the next innin'; "Well after that wild horses wouldn't Pinch went after a liner, stumbled, an' kept us away f'm Gold Canyon. 'You when the ball hit him he went down

" "That durn Gingerbread Boy again," says Josh. 'What'll we do now? "A wilder country you never saw than the do how that we traveled through that day and Hymes at third, and Jim Harrison at

BY ITS MATERIAL.

Candidates Cut Vacations to Work for Team

Seven Old Men Seemingly Sure of Positions-Graduate Coaching Impracticable and Olcutt Engaged.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 24 .- The feeling is growing at the Naval Academy that this season will mark the return of the football team to the standing held in fermer years.

"As I dug for first I seen the Gold Already the larger part of last year's Used the Wrist. Canyon third baseman diving into the team men have cut their vacations short and are on the field every afternoon with the members of the new fourth class, who have been practicing for sometime under Head Coach Dashiell and others. This break into the vacation means something at the academy, for the vacation only lasts a month and the candidates for the team have shown their interest by cutting taking. rible roar you ever heard and he came tumblin' out again. As I sailed past

An Impossible Problem

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Battling Nelson First To Solve the Crouch

Plugged Eddie Hanlon on the Back of His Neck, Straightened Him Up and Then Handed It to Him.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Ted Murphy, you it looks as if your punch overslid manager of Battling Nelson, who defeated Eddie Hanlon and Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican, believes his man, who Good Left Hand. returned to Chicago Saturday night, has

solved the San Francisco crouch. That he beat Hanlon, master of the followers as proof of this. Murphy was asked this morning how it was done.

"With the wrist," said he. and I figured out that, notwithstanding the stories that Hanlon would fight up straight to show how he had improved he would drop back into his crouch if at all worried. The crouch is a bad thing to go up against for the hands. If you swing wildly at it the hands go to pieces early in the fight. So Nelson planned to bring Hanlon out of that crouch and straighten him up by bring-

"Nelson has developed a fine left hand since he went away. It's a hook and That he beat Hanlon, master of the starts high and he gets a stiff punch be-tind it. He broke the second knuckle

starts high and he gets a stiff punch behind it. He broke the second knuckle of his left hand using it on Herrera's head and after that had to be content to stand and jab with that hand. The punch Herrera landed which put Nelson down was a left, and struck Battling high on the forehead. He kind of stepped on his feet at the same time. Nelson was down and wanted to be up right away, but we called him to take the seven. Herrera had to go back to the ropes by agreement.

"Out in San Francisco Nelson had heard that Hanlon was called 'cute,' and he figured out that he must be good to look at. When he was introduced Nelson saw Hanlon with his busted nose and remarked, 'Say, you're homeliler than I am. Where did you get the 'Cutoi' sign?" Before that Hanlon was getting his shoes sained when Nelson went by with a glaring red sweater on. Hanlon said to his friends, 'Say, here's money that's a fighter.

"He sure is That's Nelson,' said his friend. 'If he's as fierce as his sweater I see my finish,' said Hanlon.

Right Name Is Battling.

Mrs. Weimer Learned Husband Was Divorced.

Unfortunate Marriage While a Mere Boy Breaks Up Home in a Few Hours.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—At her father's home, where she fled for refuge a few hours after her marriage to Jacob

one of the suggestions advanced.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weimer have suf-

fered the greatest mental distress since

Weimer abandoned Lutheranism in or-

followed.

Never giving thought to the possibility of such an incident in his life, none of the Trumbull family asked Weimer it he had been married before, and, not appreciating the significance to a Roman Catholic family, he made no reference to it.

TWO COLLISIONS MAR MOTOR CYCLE RACING

LONDON, Sept. 24.-Two collisions narred the motor cycle racing at Crystal Palace today.

foreign riders. Luckily neither was bad-ly hurt. A local champion, Bent, a lit-tle later, collided with the railing and was seriously injured.

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Josh as I scored.



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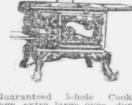


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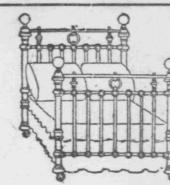


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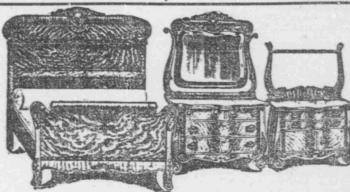
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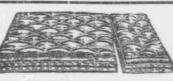
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